

"Do what you can,
with what you have,
wherever you are."

~Theodore Roosevelt~



Maintenance shop operating hours

The maintenance shops are switching back to their winter hours. Effective October 1, 2008, all shops, except Renton, will be open:

**Monday through Friday,
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

The Renton shop is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Interesting links

Window to My Environment
Learn about the environmental conditions, like the air quality of your community, at www.epa.gov/enviro/wme/

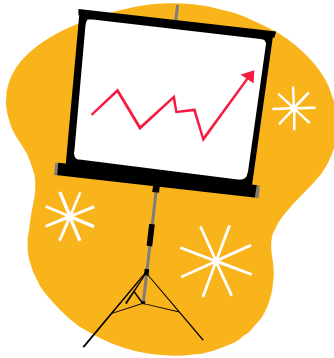
Personal Emissions Calculator
Get an estimate of your family's greenhouse emissions, and ideas for how to improve at www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html



The numbers are in, and...

In 2007, you submitted 253 Cleanup Results forms, and here are numbers you reported. **1,736** magnificent volunteers cleaned **445.8** miles of roads, and picked up an **astounding 3,370 bags of litter!** Additionally, since August of 2007, the Adopt-A-Road program welcomed **27** new groups.

You should all be proud of your hard work and effort. Keep up the great work, and remember to continue submitting those Cleanup Results forms. This helps us record the wonderful things you have done.



Autumn's featured Adopt-A-Road groups

Special Forces Association, Chapter 16



Special Forces Association, Chapter 16 has been volunteering with the Adopt-A-Road program since 2005. They maintain SE Lake Holm Road in Auburn, and perform cleanups at least three times a year. This is one steadfast and committed group.

Keepin' the 'Claw Clean

The **Keepin' the 'Claw Clean** group takes care of Veazie-Cumberland Road in Enumclaw. This south King County Family, with a clever name, is passionate about litter control on the Enumclaw Plateau. They not only perform their regular cleanups, but they also have shared their Adopt-A-Road story with local newspapers and magazines. They even created a sticker that promises, "picking up litter makes you smile inside." Their energy and zeal is a great addition to the Adopt-A-Road community.



Want your group to be featured online or in the next edition of "Litter-A-Ture"?

Just send in pictures via e-mail or snail mail! Please include a description of your group and a brief history of your efforts. In addition, be sure to submit a Photo/Video Release form for each person in your pictures. You can find this form on our website at www.kingcounty.gov/roads. Send your pictures to: Adopt-A-Road, Road Services Division, KSC-TR-0313, 201 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA, 98104, or email them to adopt.roads@kingcounty.gov.

Other 'green' ideas

The Adopt-A-Road program is an invaluable way to improve the environment. By picking up litter, you remove hazardous and harmful items from your roads and communities. In addition to participating in Adopt-A-Road, you can enhance your commitment to environmentalism by trying one of these options below:

- Switch your light bulbs. The next time a light bulb burns out, change from a typical incandescent bulb to the more efficient compact fluorescents.
- Install a low-flow shower head to conserve water and electricity while you bathe.
- Contact the Abacus Catalog Alliance (www.abacusoptout.com/) to remove your name from promotional lists. Cutting off "junk" mail from its source is a great way to save paper.
- Keep vehicle tires properly inflated to increase gas mileage and reduce your carbon footprint.



- Compost food scraps and soiled paper. In King County, more than 35% of waste collected from single-family residences could be composted.
- If you don't already, try to commute to work via bus, van pool or bike. Not only is it less expensive than driving, but it reduces carbon emissions.
- Visit www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/ecoconsumer to learn how to conserve while you consume.

Upcoming King County events

As the summer months wind down, and all the spring cleaning is finished, you may be looking for ways to dispose of your *stuff*. Visit one of these upcoming King County waste events in your area to get rid of your waste properly. Check out the website at www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/ for more information.

September/October 2008			
Date	Event	Location	Hours
Saturday, April 12 - Saturday, October 18	City of North Bend 2008 Yard Waste Recycling Program	1155 East North Bend Way North Bend, WA	8am - 12pm
Saturday, April 12 - Saturday, October 11	City of Snoqualmie 2008 Yard Waste Recycling Program	SE King Street at Railroad Avenue SE Snoqualmie, WA	9am - 12pm
Friday, September 19 - Sunday, September 21	Auburn Wastemobile Event	1101 Supermall Way Auburn, WA	10am - 5pm
Friday, September 26 - Sunday, September 28	Federal Way Wastemobile Event	1701 South 320th Street Federal Way, WA	10am - 5pm
Saturday, September 27	Federal Way Recycling Collection Event	21st Ave. SW at SW 344th Federal Way, WA	9am - 3pm
Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5	Redmond Wastemobile Event	17777 NE 76th Street Redmond, WA	10am - 5pm
Friday, October 10 - Sunday, October 12	Burien/SeaTac Wastemobile Event	19010 1st Avenue South Burien, WA	10am - 5pm
Saturday, October 11	Fall Recycling Collection Event	NE 70th Place at 116th Avenue NE Kirkland, WA	9am - 3pm
Saturday, October 25	Snoqualmie Recycling Collection Event	8651 Meadowbrook Way SE Snoqualmie, WA	9am - 3pm (or until full)



Did you know...?

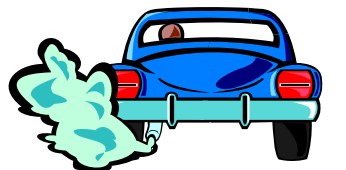
In the 1900s, pigs were used as the original trash collectors. Some experts say that 75 pigs could consume a ton of garbage in a single day! There was one major problem with this method. The pigs had a habit of leaving behind some waste of their own.*



Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, two barrels of oil, 4,100 kilowatts of energy, 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space, and 60 pounds of air pollution. WOW! **



If each worker avoided using their car to commute to work just two days a week, greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced by an average of 1,600 pounds per year per worker.***

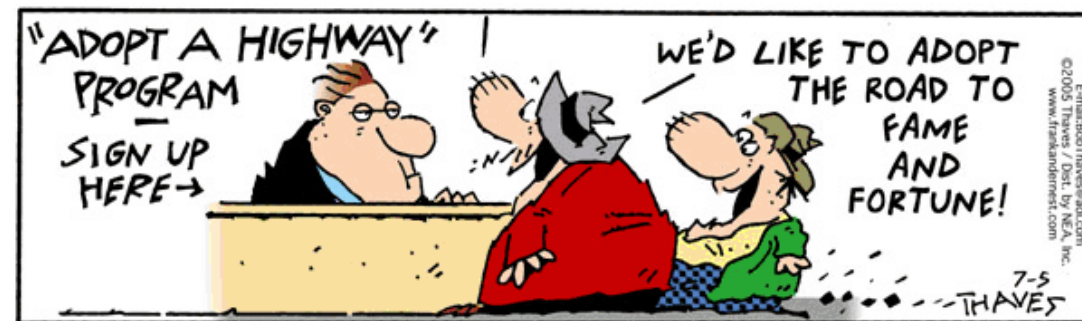


* www.eia.doe.gov/
** www.ecocycle.org/
*** www.epa.gov

Safety reminders

Your safety is priority number one for us here at King County Road Services. Therefore, in addition to the *Volunteer Safety Orientation* video, here is a checklist of the safety guidelines that all Adopt-A-Road volunteers should follow:

- ☐ Wear safety vests and hard hats at all times.
- ☐ Choose clothing that is appropriate for the weather and the work (no flip flops, sandals, or shorts). Increase your visibility to drivers by wearing light colored clothing.
- ☐ Drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen, and work at a pace that is comfortable for you.
- ☐ Perform clean-ups during daylight hours, in good weather, and during non-peak traffic times.
- ☐ Clean one side of the road at a time, and work in groups. Be sure to face traffic. This will help you see drivers, and help drivers see you.
- ☐ Avoid distracting drivers by roughhousing or jumping off railings.
- ☐ Leave portable music devices at home.
- ☐ Avoid hazardous or suspicious-looking materials. **If it's unknown, leave it alone!**
- ☐ If you need to report illegal dumping or possible hazardous waste, call the **24x7 Road Helpline** at **800-527-6237**. For all other emergencies, call 911.



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Welcome Kiley!

My name is Kiley Thornton, and I took over for Marian Proctor as the Community Partnerships Intern in June. Over the summer, I had the chance to correspond with many of you, and I am delighted by your commitment to your communities and King County. Being an Adopt-A-Road volunteer is a unique experience, and I hope that you are personally fulfilled by the amazing work you do.

I will be your contact for the 2008-2009 school year, while I earn my Master's in Public Administration at the University of Washington. I look forward to serving you for the remainder of the year, and continue the tradition of excellence created by my predecessors.

Please feel free to contact me at adopt.roads@kingcounty.gov or 206-296-3807 if you have questions, comments, or want to schedule your group's next cleanup.

New groups August 2007 – July 2008

Cahill's Plumbing, CARE/SWAN, Cawthorn Clan, Cyndi Pilwallis Group, Duvall Church, Emerald Aire, Inc., Helen and Wes Wahlin, Help Our Poor Earth, Henley Park Homeowners, Issaquah Swim Team, Jett-Babbitt-Nakamichi Families, Joy & Bill Daniels, Keepin' the 'Claw Clean, Lake Washington Youth Soccer - Crossfire Premier, Learning Pathways, Inc., McDonald and Company, O'Day Homes - John L. Scott, Power Investigations, Re/Max Cornerstone - Duvall, Seattle International Randonneurs, Snoqualmie County PASS & SWAP, Stillwater Hill Community Church / Point Break Youth Ministry, The Groovy Pandas, The Harvold Family, Transpo Group, Valley Drifters Cruisin' Association, Windermere Real Estate, Woodinville Water District ~ **WELCOME & THANK YOU!**

Intern hours

It's fall! Where is Kiley?

Now that school is in session, her fall schedule is:

Monday and Wednesday:
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday:
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Note: Kiley's schedule will change for winter and spring quarters.

Litter-A-Ture

News from King County Adopt-A-Road
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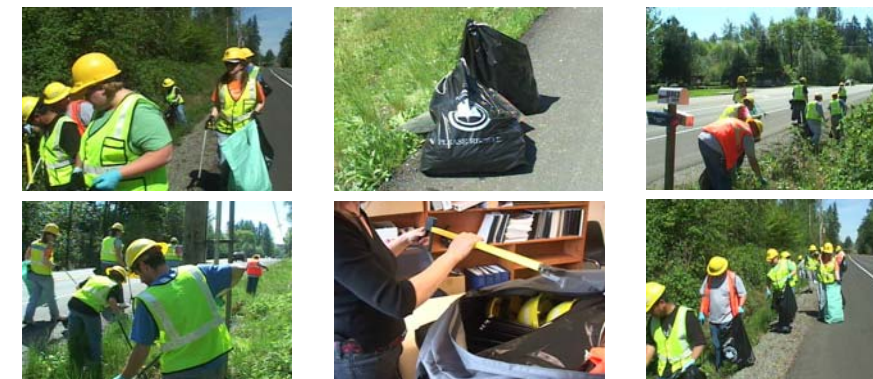


The Safety Video is here!

Road Services and the Adopt-A-Road program are proud to present the new *Volunteer Safety Orientation* video. This video provides important information about staying safe while cleaning up your road.

All new group leaders will be sent this safety video after their route is approved, to be used as a quick and easy way to share safety information with their teams. But, you don't have to be a new volunteer group to get a video. As a seasoned group leader, you can use the safety video to refresh your memory on the safety rules of the road, and as a fun way share the rules with your group.

You can view the video online at www.kingcounty.org/roads, or contact Kiley Thornton at adopt.roads@kingcounty.gov or 206 296-3807 to request that a DVD be sent to you.



Make A Difference Day

Saturday, October 25th is national Make A Difference Day. It is the largest day of community service in the country. But, here at Adopt-A-Road, we know that everyday is a day to 'do good.' **We like to celebrate Make A Difference Day for the whole month of October.**

This is a reminder to schedule your cleanup now, because the month will fill up quickly with groups excited to get out there and clean their roads. Call Kiley Thornton, Community Partnerships Intern, to check the availability of kits, and confirm your cleanup.

If you want more information about Make A Difference Day, visit www.usaweekend.com/diffday/.

Have a Happy Make A Difference Day and thank you for all you do!



October 25, 2008

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



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